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rearranged. And he began to do very erratic, unreasonable things, and some of the crew persons took over the ship. It wound up, the movie did, in a scene from a court-martial, and Humphrey Bogart was sitting in this chair, being questioned. And as the questioning proceeded, it became clear to these differing...different officers who were the judges that something, indeed, was wrong with this man. And whenever Humphrey Bogart got uptight, he would take these two large metal balls out of his pocket and begin to manipulate them in his hand. And the thing that really led to his downfall was when he explained how he knew that there was a conspiracy against him. Some strawberries had been stolen and Humphrey Bogart, being the detective that he was, had gathered all the crewmen around and he took this container of strawberries, and he began to ask, who was authorized to have a dish of strawberries? And each person mentioned who was...who was authorized. So as each person came up, Humphrey Bogart had filled the container with sand. He would dip out a dipper of sand and pour it over here. And after everybody had been given his or her allotment, there should have been more strawberries left in the container than there were. So Humphrey Bogart said, somebody who was not authorized took these strawberries. And he was going to find out. So he had keys taken or keys made and did a whole lot of crazy things. But as he talked about the strawberries, ah, yes, the strawberries, the proceedings came to a abrupt halt because they knew that he, indeed, was incompetent. When this bill was being heard before the Committee on Agriculture, of which I'm a member, I was not there when the hearing started. But when I came into the room in front of the place where I sit on my desk was an assortment of dry beans in individual packages. But before the hearing terminated, those beans were removed from my desk. I had the opinion, when I sat down, that these beans were being given to me so that I could understand better the product that we're discussing. And imagine my chagrin when I looked up and the beans had disappeared. So I would like to ask, Senator Erdman, who is Vice Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, to answer a question or two, if he would.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you respnd?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Absolutely.